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Attention is directed to the attached EPO Search Report for a counterpart of this application and each reference cited therein. A PTO-1449 is also attached.

Official consideration and citation of each such reference is requested.

DE-19945840-A1 relates to an optical bus system which is switched from unidirectional operation to bi-directional operation on the detection of a fault in a unidirectional link.

It is also noted that claim 1 of the EPO counterpart corresponds to claim 30 of the present application. The EPO counterpart also contains claims corresponding to the principle claims of related co-pending US application 10/067,965.

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